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THE DIGNITY OF LABOR.

I have noticed that the slender brook which carries the mill is more musical on Sunday than on any other day; because the mill stands still, and the brook having nothing to do with its water gurgles over the dam, and makes a thousand times more merry noise than on any other day. But Monday comes, and the gates are hoisted, and the mill runs, and the brook is not so musical; but the mill is more so. This mill did nothing on Sunday, and the brook is doing more on Monday than it did on Sunday. It played on Sunday, but it works on Monday. And Christians, as it were, play in the spirit, and have a holy jollity on Sunday. It is a holiday for them. Nor would I undervalue their experience or joy. But I say that they are not so busy when they sing and pray and rejoice in the sanctuary as when by the power of some moral emotion they are combating temptation, and resisting pride, and overcoming selfishness, and building again the kingdoms of this world with the holy stones of the New Jerusalem. Then when piety costs, when it means bearing, heroism and achievement; not then when it seeks joy, but when it seeks battle—then men are nearest to God, and most like Christ. When a man stands upon the deck, and at the bench and by the forge, and in furrow, and in the colliery, then, if ever, he has a life to live of true piety, is the time, and there at the post of duty is the place. For all the humblest avocations and employments are so arranged that while they serve to support the actor, they do a hundred times as much for the community as they do for him that follows them. It is unfortunate that our habits of thought have not been more christianized, and that our phrase has not been converted, as well as the people who use it. For we are accustomed to speak of trades, various manual employments and professions, in their lowest relations. If we speak of the carpenter business, it is either as a toil or a support; and these in their relative positions are not unworthy of consideration; but that is not the whole, nor the half; that is the least part. What a man himself derives from the cunning craft that he pursues is not half so much as what he gives by it.

The carpenter that builds a mansion, rearing it through the whole season, receives a few thousand dollars, and is supposed to be well paid, and is himself well satisfied. And men seem to think it is the whole he has done. He has worked diligently during the summer; he has earned his thousands to support his family, and perhaps a thousand or two is laid up for the time to come. And what has he done? Earned his money? Yes, he has earned his money, but he has built a mansion in which a family shall be sheltered for a hundred years. He has built a temple where the old patriarch shall offer sacrifices and incense of devotion in the presence of many coming generations. He has built the walls where social joy shall be. Here is the room that grief shall fill with funeral, and here is the room that joy shall fill with wedding. Here is the room where children shall sport through the whole livelong year. Here are the threads of life, dark and light, gold and silver, or black, to be wrought out and woven together. And here when he is dead and his children die, his work stands, and is the home of peace and comfort and piety—the very temple of God. He built one, and ten, and twenty, and it may be a hundred of such dwellings; and he got what? A few pitiful thousands of dollars. And he gave what? He gave the community benefits, opportunities, instruments, influences. In his skill, in his mind, incarnated in timber or in metal, he gave to the community priceless gifts. And are we to take these precious inwardnesses of men which are im-

bedded in their labor, and to think of them only in the poor, pitiful light of pelf, of what they brought back to the pocket, and not of what through them, the man brought back to the community?

Why that old smith, rugged himself as the storms he prepares to combat, hammers morn and night on the links that form the chain which clasps the cable. It may be as in olden time, yet more ponderously, that he in the smithy works on the huge shank of the anchor; and when his summer's work or winter's toil is done, and it is sold for the ship, men ask him: "What got you for your labor?" Nobody ever thinks of saying to him: "You have worked a whole winter to make a gift; what have you given to the community?" What has he given? It may not be known for a long time. On voyage after voyage the ship goes, and there lies his gift, useless and unrespected. Some day the ship bears back a thousand precious souls, among them mothers whose families are at home waiting for them to return; fathers, who cannot be spared from the neighborhood; public men of signal service—the vast salt of the times in which they live; heroes and patriots many. Then it is that the storm beats down and seeks to whelm them all in the sea, and to whelm the community in mourning. Then it is that, when every other effort has been made in vain, the anchor is thrown out. And now the storm rages with increased violence, as if it were yet more angry because it is thwarted. But the good blacksmith work holds. Sinking far out of sight and grappling the foundations of the earth, it will not let go, and we, for the first time see the value of his gift. Every link has been properly welded; and, though the wind howls, and the sea wages a fierce and desperate battle, and the strain is tremendous, the storm passes by and there rides the gallant ship safe! That is what he gave. He gave a chain an anchor to the community, and salvation to hundreds on board the ship, and joy and peace where tidings come of souls saved from the remorseless deep. And yet how many think simply that he made an anchor, and got so many hundred dollars for it! He made an anchor and saved a hundred lives.—Henry Ward Beecher.

Mr. M. M. Morrison, connected with the Kansas City (Mo.) Times, and a prominent real estate operator as well, unequivocally and emphatically alleges that the St. Jacobs Oil once did a kind turn which he is not likely to forget. He was traveling, and taking cold in a sleeping car, realized that he had rheumatism in both hips. The pain was intense, and his business urgent. So he thought of the St. Jacobs Oil as a remedy which was reputed to effect a rapid cure. It proved in his case, as it has in thousands of others, a blessing. Four applications gave him complete relief. Before using the Oil, Mr. Morrison says, he was so stiff, and suffering so intensely, that he could hardly move. The transition from this unhappy condition to one of perfect ease was almost marvelous. The great remedy has since been a family friend. He always keeps it in his house, and has seen its wonderful power demonstrated on several occasions in the cures of neuralgia and rheumatism. He has never seen the remedy fail yet, and is a confirmed believer in its virtues.

According to the East Oregonian, Pendleton has forty men who claim to be active firemen and the balance of her citizens belong to the Hook & Ladder company, so that the poll-tax receipts there are rather light.

Crickets have already made their appearance in vast numbers in Sprague river valley, Klamath county. The unusually pleasant weather brought them out several months sooner than usual.

A great portion of Goose lake is filled with waterfowl, to such an extent as was never known before. Swans are also abundant along the shores.

Will the Present Price of Cattle be Maintained?

The question that stands at the head of this article, says the Grant County News, is of interest to the people of Eastern Oregon in general, and Grant county in particular. The cattle industry is important throughout bunch-grass land, and in our county leads all others. Cattle constitute the chief item of wealth, and probably four-fifths of the people are directly interested in them. They have been steadily rising in value for some time, until a figure has been reached that exceeds anything known before in the history of the business here. Cattle are now selling at about double the price of two years ago, and the rise has, of course, added to the aggregate wealth of the county and increased the profits of the individual holders. A shrinkage in value would cause a corresponding decrease in wealth, and would prove disastrous to those who have bought at present prices; but we think that no considerable falling off need be anticipated. It is argued by some that present prices are only temporary, and are the result of speculation, and that the market is liable to return to its former level at any time. We do not believe such to be the case. The rise in price here has only kept pace with the rise in price east of the mountains, and that rise is not a speculative one, but has been caused by the demand for beef exceeding the supply. Although there has been an enormous increase in cattle raising during the past twenty years the demand for beef has grown at a greater rate. The rate of increase in cattle is less than that of population. Americans are becoming a great beef eating people. This is partly due to the universal improvement in the scale of popular living due to general prosperity, and partly to the prejudice against pork that has arisen among those who are able to have whatever kind of meat they want. Beef having come into general use by the poorer people while the price was much lower than at present, its use will not be abandoned during the present era of prosperity, although high prices prevail. Our own market for beef will constantly increase at a greater rate than the supply; besides, there is the European market, ever ready to take our surplus, if we have any. In view of these facts, we believe that present prices will be pretty generally maintained for years to come. The completion of a transcontinental railroad to Oregon will place our cattle raisers in close connection with the Eastern markets, and there is not likely to be so great a disparity between prices here and price there as there has been in the past.

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